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## IN THE SPECIFICATION

On page 1, between lines 3 and 4, insert the following heading:

--BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION-

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On page 3, between lines 2 and 3, insert the following heading:

--SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION—

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On page 16, between lines 19 and 21, insert the following heading:

-- BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS--

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 16, line 39, to read as follows:

## -- DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENT

The shelf described in FIGS. 1 to 4 is designed in particular for supporting articles in a refrigerator and comprises a glass panel 1 (possibly with an enameled edging to conceal the join with the plastic structure, the side walls also possibly concealing this join via the shadow they cast), equipped with a structure (or surround or frame) made of polypropylene 2. This assembly is obtained as follows: polypropylene granules (preferably filled with talc to improve the mechanical strength of the polypropylene) are heated in a plasticizing chamber of an injection-molding machine to a temperature that is high enough that the plastic can be injected and the molten material is injected into the mold or injection-molding machine to obtain the semifinished product which, through the shrinkage of the plastic, will yield the structure 2. The material cools in the mold and solidifies from 160°C in the form of a semicrystalline product. When the mold is open to remove the molded frame, the plastic reaches about 70°C. The shrinkage of the plastic then begins to occur to a significant extent. In the 4 minutes (and preferably in the 1 to 2 minutes) following removal from the mold, the